

of the time of the delegates, with the result that this has interfered quite seriously with the work of the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement, and with the work in preparing the transitional provisions and schedule of legislation. The Style Committee is, as all of you know, working every minute that the Convention is not in session; but the work of that committee is of such a character that what they really need is two or three days of uninterrupted time to review very carefully each of the recommendations thus far approved by the Committee of the Whole.

As you know, you cannot have the recommendations come before you on second reading until the Committee on Style has completed its review and has made its report. This poses a problem which the officers and the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda have been considering, and we suggest this hopeful solution.

You now have before you on the agenda practically every committee recommendation which needs to come before the Committee of the Whole.

We are very reluctant to have any kind of recess for any purpose whatsoever until the Committee of the Whole has completed all of its deliberations. At the same time, we do not want to delay all consideration on second reading until all the work of the Committee of the Whole is completed. As indicated Friday, we will begin tomorrow to send before the Convention recommendations of the Committee on Style and second reading of some of the recommendations already approved by the Committee of the Whole.

In an effort to facilitate the work, we will not schedule any recommendation or report of the Committee on Style on the second reading until the day after the report has been read across the desk and distributed. This should give you ample time to read the report and consider what changes the Committee on Style has made. Also, it should give you ample time to consider any amendments which you feel are absolutely vital.

I would like to emphasize that the second reading in the Convention is not a time to rehash everything that has been debated already in the Committee of the Whole, and that debate should be very limited. Hopefully, also, amendments would be limited only to a very few matters regarded as absolutely crucial. It should not be regarded as a time to review in detail

everything accomplished in the Committee of the Whole.

With this in mind, I would contemplate that any person offering an amendment would have it printed in advance so that it could be circulated and made known to all delegates.

The Committee on Calendar and Agenda is considering whether or not to recommend to the Convention some limitation of the time to be spent in considering any report of the Committee on Style. This will be made known to you for your action in advance of the consideration of any of these recommendations on second reading.

If the amendments are printed in advance, and if debate is very severely limited to perhaps the proponents of the amendment and the committee chairman, we should be able to move through the second readers without any serious delay. We would hope that consideration of the Recommendations R&P-1 and R&P-2 and Recommendations GP-3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and also consideration on second reading of those recommendations which will not likely require further debate could be concluded by the end of the session on Thursday of this week.

If we can accomplish this, we will have finished substantially all of the work necessary to be done by the Committee of the Whole, and we would suggest that the Convention recess until Tuesday of next week. This recess will be for all except the delegates on the Committee on Style and those working on the transitional provisions and schedule of legislation. Hopefully by working Friday, Saturday and Monday those delegates could complete their work and the Convention could return and complete its second readers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week.

Now, this schedule can be accomplished only if debate on the recommendations now on the agenda is limited to meaningful debate and such amendments as are offered are debated and disposed of quickly.

We think that this is a realistic estimate of the time necessary, and we would very much hope that the Committee of the Whole and the Convention can proceed in accordance with that schedule. If it proves impossible and by Thursday we have not concluded, it would be the intent of the officers to continue the Convention in session until we do conclude all work of the Committee of the Whole and second readers, and not take a recess until at least the 22nd of December.